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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-9,11,13,14 and 16 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-9,11,13,14 and 16 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed June 21, 2004 has been received, entered and carefully considered.

The following information provided in the amendment affects the instant application:

1. Claims 10, 12 and 15-17 have been canceled.
2. Claim 13 has been amended.
4. Remarks drawn to rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs.

Claims 1-9, 11, 13, 14 and 16 are pending in the case.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U. S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

The finality of the previous office action and the allowability of any claims indicated have been withdrawn and the following new rejections are made of record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The rejection of claims 1-3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph (written description) has been withdrawn in view of the applicants' arguments.

The rejection of claims 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for reasons indicated in the previous office action has been overcome in view of the amendment to claim 6 and applicants' remarks for claim 7.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-9, 11, 13, 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-3 recite (C₀-C₃₀)-alkylene-(LAG) as one of the substitutions for R1-R6. It is not clear what applicants intend by this recitation since by definition an alkylene group must have at least one carbon. C₀ means that there are no carbon atoms in the alkylene group. Clarification is needed.

Claim 7 recites the terms “further active compound”. It is not clear what this recitation means. The characteristic is not indicative of what active compound is intended. A structural formula or name is needed.

Claim 8 recites several abbreviations. It is not clear what these abbreviations stand for. If applicants intend these abbreviations to mean certain compounds or inhibitors then the expanded form should appear in parentheses next to them at the first occurrence of the abbreviation.

Claims that depend from rejected base claims that are indefinite/unclear are also rendered indefinite/unclear and are rejected for the same reasons.

Conclusion

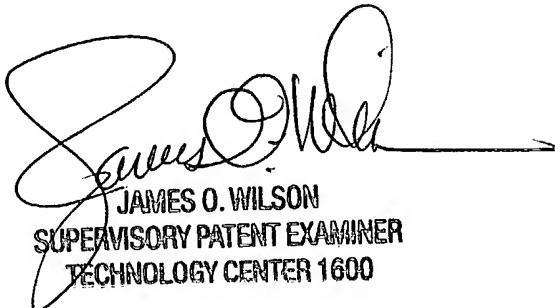
Claims 1-9, 11, 13, 14 and 16 are rejected

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ganapathy Krishnan whose telephone number is 571-272-0654. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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